

ARTICLES
TO BE ENQUIRED OF
WITHIN
THE ARCHDEACONRY
OF YORKE.

By the Church-wārdens and Sworne-
men in the Visitation holden by the Arch-
Deacon of the said Arch-Deaconry.

In the yeare of our Lord God,
1635.

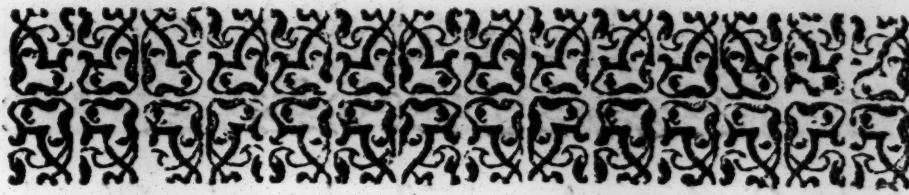


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The Advertisement.

The Minister and Church-wardens are to call unto them the Neighbours of the Parish, and out of them to make choyce (according to the custome of the place) of two of the discreetest Parishoners to be Sidemen, and they altogether are to read over these Articles divers times. Then, after they have duly considered of them, they are to write their answere, or presentment unto every Article particularly and truly, according to their consciences. Lastly, they are all of them to bring their presentments to the Visitation, and there the Church-wardens and Side-men upon their oaths (but the Minister according to the Canon in that behalfe) are to deliver them up under their hands.



The Oath to be ministred to the Church-wardens and Sworn-men.



Ou shall sweare, that all affection, fa-
vour, hatred, hope of reward and
gaine, or feare of displeasure or ma-
lice set aside : You shall vpon due
consideration of the Articles given
you in charge, present all and euery such person,
of, or within your parish, as hath committed a-
ny offence or fault, or made any default mentio-
ned in these, or any of these Articles, or which are
vehemently suspected, and defamed of any such
offence, fault, or default : wherein you shall de-
liver vprightly, and according to truth; neither of
malice presenting any contrary to truth, nor of
corrupt affection sparing to present any, and so
conceale the truth, having in this action God be-
fore your eyes with an earnest zeale to maintaine
truth, and to suppress vice ; so helpe you God,
And the contents of this Booke.

Touching

Touching the Church, Church-yard, Parsonage, and Vicarage-house.



1. Whether your Church, Chappell, and Chancell bee well and sufficiently repaired in the walls and roofe, the Seats convenient, the floore paved, the windowes glazed, your Bells in tune, and all these cleanly kept, and the man-
son-house of your Parson or Vicar, with the building thereunto belonging, be likewise well and sufficiently repa-
red, and your Church-yard well fenced with walls, ratles, or
pales, and cleanly kept.

2. Whether hath your Church or Church-yard beene abused and profaned by any fighting, chiding, brawling or quarrel-
ling, or playes, Lords of misrule, summer Lords, morris-dan-
cers, pedlers, bowlers, bearwards, butchers, feasts, schooles,
temporall courts, or Lets, Lay Juries, musters, or other pro-
phane usage in your Church or Church-yard, and bells super-
stitiously rung on hollidays or their evenes, or at any other time
without good cause allowed by the Minister and Church-war-
dens: have any trees beeene felled in your Church-yard, and by
whom?

3. Whether are your Almes-houses and Church-house suffi-
ciently repaired, maintained, and to godly and their right em-
ployed?

4. Whether have you in your Church all things necessary for
common Prayer, as the Bible in the largest volume, the booke of
common Prayer lately authorized by his Majesty, the booke
of Psalms allowed, a convenient Pulpit for the Preacher, a
decent seat for the Minister to read Service in, conveniently
placed, a strong chest with thre lockes and keyes, one for the
Minister, the other for the Church-wardens for the keeping of
the Register booke of the Christenings, Marriages, and Bur-
ials, and a poynt mens box with three lockes, conveniently
seated neare the Church dooore?

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5 Whether haue you in your Church a font of stone for baptism set in the ancient vsual place: a decent table for the communion conveniently placed, covered with silk, or other decent stoffe in time of Divine Service, and with a faire linnen cloth over that at the administration of the Communion.

6 Whether haue you all such bels, ornaments, and other blets-sels as haue anciently belonged to your Church, a communion-cup of silver with a cover, a fair standing pot or two of pate-ter or patre metal for the wine vpon the communion table, a compley Bompasse with staves, a Register booke of parchment, for christenings, marriages, and burials, a booke for the names of all strange preachers, subscribed with their names, and the names of the Bishop, or other, where they had licence?

7 Whether is the Almes for the poore duly distributed, and are the names and surnames of all persons married, christened, and buried, and of their parents, with the day and yere entred in your parchment Register booke?

8 Whether are the ten Commandements set vp in your Church or Chappell, and other chosen sentences of holy Scripture vp-on the wals in convenient places, and the tables of the degrés prohibited in marriage, set forth 1563.

9 Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell the booke of the Canons agreed vpon in the convocation holden at London An Dom. 1603. and confirmed by his Majesties royall au-thority, and whether your Minister haue read the same in your Church or Chappell once every yere, according to his Majes-ties Instructions in that behalfe?

To chyng the Ministry, Service, and Sacraments.

VWhether is the common prayer said or sung by your Minister both morning & evening, distinctlye reverently every Sunday and Holiday, and on their eves, and at convenient and vsuall times of those dayes, and in most convenient place of the Church for the edifying of the people?

2 Whether doth your Minister obserue the orders, rites & ceremonties prescribed in the booke of common prayer, in reading holy Scripture, prayers & administration of the Sacraments, without diminishing (in regard of preaching or any other respect)

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speare) or adding any song in the manner of forme shereof:

3 Whether doth your Minister on wednesdays and fridays, not being holidajes, at the accustomed hours of service, resort to the Church, and say the ordinary prayers & Letany prescribed: And doth your Clarke or Sexton give warning before by tolling of a bell on those dayes?

4 Whether any Minister leavening the bse of the Font, doe in your Church or Chappell christen or baptise in any Basons or other prophane vessells: or whether your Minister do baptise or christen any out of the face of the Church & congregation, without speciall cause, or without Godfathers or Godmothers: And whether any person or persons be admitted to answer as Godfathers & Godmothers at the chyrsening of any child, except hee or she haue before received the holy communion: and whether doth your Minister in the baptising of children, signe them with the signe of the crosse, obserue the orders, rites, and ceremonies appointed and prescribed in the booke of common prayer, without addition, omission, or other innovation?

5 Whether doe you know any Parents that keepe children unchristened, or that were not christened at their owne Parish Church or Chappell, & for what cause they remain yet unchristened, or haue not beene christened at their Parish Church or Chappel: or do you know haue hard, or vehemently suspekte any parents, whose children haue beene christened by any Popish priest, or otherwise than by the Lawes of the Church of England is allowed?

6 Whether doth your Minister as oft as he ministreth the communion, first receive it himselfe: whether doth he bse any bread and wine newly brought, before the word of institution be rehearsed, and the bread and wine present on the Table: doth he not deliver the bread and wine to every Communicant severally, in such sort as is prescribed?

7 Whether doth your Minister give warning publickly in the Church at morning prayer the Sunday before he ministreth the communion, for the better preparation of the parishioners, and whether doth he minister the Sacraments so often as that every parishioner may receive thrice in the yeare at the least, wheresoever Easter to be one:

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8 Whether hath your Minister administered the Communion to any but such as knele, or doe you know any that refuse to knele, or haue received the same not kneling: hath he administered to any that are vnder Ecclesiasticall censure, as for refusing to be present at publike Prayer, or who haue deprived the Booke of common Prayer and administration of the Sacra-ments, or the Rites and ceremonies prescribed, or the Articles of Religion agreed vpon, or the booke of ordering Deacons, Prellesse Bishops, or against his maiesties supremacy: or hath committed other like enormities, and what be their names:

9 Whether haue your Ministers more Benefices than one: if he haue, how far distant are they, how often is he absent in the yeare? when hee is absent from your Parsonage or bickeridge, hath he a licenced Preacher for his Curate?

10 Whether your Churches or Chappells be or haue bene destitute of a Curate? And how long, and by whose default? And whether any Curate haue served, or doe serue without licence of the Ordinary?

11 Whether doe you know any Popish Priests, Seminary, Tertuite or runnagate persons that preach, say Mass, or minster any Popish Sacrament or ceremonies; or else doe report secretly or openly into your Parish? And whose house doe they report unto, and of whom are they harboured, and what be the names of such Popish Priests, Seminaries, Jesuites, or Runnagates, no such as so harbour and releeue them?

12 Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curat, or any other per-
son in your parish be a sauor of the Romish Church or Rec-
tion, or any other Sect or Schismatical opinion, or hath or doth
maintain or teach any doctrin, contrary or repugnant to Gods
Word, or to any of the Articles agreed vpon by the Clergy in
the Convocation holden at London, An. Dom. 1562. And whe-
ther they haue taught publickly or secretly any doctrine ten-
ding to the discredit and dispraise either of the Booke of com-
mon Prayer, or of the Preachers and Ministers of the Word
and Sacraments, or of the received order for government by
Archbischops, Bishops, Deanes, Archdeacons, and other offi-
cers in the Church of England, or make any other innoqui-
tion: And whether haue they permitted any man so teaching

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12 Whether such innovation, not made the same knowne?

13 Whether is your Minister an allowed Preacher, if he be, both he every Sunday in your Church or some other next adjoyning, where no Preacher is, preach?

14 Whether doth your Minister being no Preacher allowed, presume to expound the Scripture in his owne Cure, or elsewhere: doth he procure every month a Sermon to be preached in his cure by Preachers lawfully licenced, and on every Sunday when there is no Sermon, doth he or his Curate read some one of the Homilies prescribed?

15 Whether your Minister do openly every Sunday after he haue read the second Lesson at Morning and Evening prayer, admonish and warne the Church-wardens and Schoolmen to look to their charge, & to obserue who offend in absenting themselves negligently or wilfully from their paroch-church or Chappell, or vainerely vse themselves in time of divine Service.

16 Whether is your Curate allowed by the Ordinary vnder his hand and seale to serue for your cure, and whether doth he serue two Churches or Chappells in one day: whether is he deacon at the least, and what stipend hath he for serving the cure?

17 Whether doth your Minister alwayes in saying publike prayer & administering the Sacraments weare a decent surplice with sleeves, and being a graduate, doth he alwates weare therewith a hood by the order of the University, agreeable to his degree.

18 Whether hath your Minister or any other Preacher in your Church, preached any thing to confute or impugne any doctrine delivered by any other Preacher, and hath he & they prayed for Christes Catholike Church, the Kings Maiestie, the Lords Arch-bishops and Bishops, &c. as is precribed, Canon 55.

19 Whether hath or doth any preach in your Church, which refuseth to conforme himselfe to the Laws, Rites, & Ordinances established, or which hath not first shewed a sufficient licence?

20 Whether doth your Minister in his Sermons foure times in the yeare at the least, teach and declare the Kings Maiesties power within his Realmes to be the highest power under God, to whom all within the same owe most loyalty and obedience, and that no manne power is vsually taken away?

21 Whether doth your Minister every Sunday and Holiday

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halfe an hour before Cuening prayer or moze, or at some other conuenient time at Cuening prayer examine and instruct the yongh in the ten Commandments, the Beliefs, the Lordes Prayer, and the Catechisme set forth in the Booke of common prayer, and whether do the Church-wardens assist the Minister herein?

22 Whether hath your Minister married any which haue not bene thre severall Sundayes or Holidays asked in your Church in the time of divine service, without licence, or without a ring: or hath he with licence or without, married any, whereof neither dwelt in your parish?

23 Whether hath your Minister with licence or without, married any at any other times than betweene the hours of eight and twelve in the forenoon, or in any private house, or when there is no licence, before the parents and Governores (the parties being vnder the age of 22. yeares) haue testified their consents?

24 Whether hath your Minister declared to the people every Sunday at the time appointed, what Holidays and Fasting dayes be that weeke following: doth he, being a Preacher, conserue with all recusants, and persons excommunicate or suspended? being no Preacher, doth he procure a sufficient Preacher to reclame them thereby?

25 Whether doth your Minister kepe a note of all persons excommunicate, and once every six months doth he denounce them which haue not obtained their absolution, on some Sunday in Service-time, that others may be admonished to restrain their company?

26 Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, be diligent in visiting the sick and comforting them, and whether they bury their dead in such chyssian and comely manner as is prescribed in the Booke of common Prayer, and whether any Lay man, other then a lawfull Minister, hath taken vpon him to bury the dead contrary to order?

27 Whether hath your Minister refused to baptize any child brought to the Church, or to bury any corps brought into the Church or Church-yard, or to Church any woman, having had conuenient warning thereof?

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28 Whether hath your Minister, being truly informed of the danger of death of any infant unbaptized, and being desired to go to the place where the child is, to baptise it, neglected to go by means whereof the child hath dyed unbaptised?

29 Whether doth your Minister at any time preach, or administer the communion in any private house, except when they are so impotent that they cannot goe to Church, or very dangerously sick?

30 Whether do any Chaplains in your parish preach or administer the Sacrament in any Chappel not consecrated, or in any house having no Chappell allowed by Law, and doe the Lords and Masters where such Chappels are, resort often to the parish-church, and there receive the Communion once at the least every yere?

31 Whether hath your Minister held or appointed any publicke sabbath not appointed by Authority, or beene present at such; doth he or any other in your parish hold any lecture or exercise or attempt by fasting or prayere, or otherwise to call out any Duties, without the privity and allowance of the Bishop bnder his hand and seale?

32 Whether hath there bene any secret Conventicles or meetings in your parish by any Preists, Ministers, or others, tending to the depraving of the forme of prayer, doctrine or government of the Church?

33 Whether doth your Minister weare decent apparel, doth hee in publike goe in Doublet and Hose, without a coat, or cassocke, or cloake, and doth he weare any unseemly and light-coloured apparel or stockings?

34 Whether doth your Minister make accustomed resort to any Taverns, or Ale-houses, except for his honest necessities; or doth he board or lodge in any such place, doth he vise any base or servile labor, or frequent drinking, riot, dice, cards, tables, or any other unlawful games: is he contentious with his neighbours, or a hunter, hawker, swearer, drunkard, dancer, blarer, suspected of incontinency, or doth give evill example of life?

35 Whether is there in your Parish any Minister or Deacon who hath forsoaken his calling, vsing himselfe in his course of life as a mere Layman?

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36 Whether is his Majesties declaration lately published for quieting and silencing the controversies lately stirred up to the disturbance of our Church with new questions, and for publike prayer and Lectures strictly observed by your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, or whomsoever else preached in your Church?

37 Wher doth your Parson, Vicar, Curate or Lecturer, catechise the youth of the Parish in your Church, every Sunday after dinner by question and answer; and apply his afternoone preaching and exhortation, to the instructing and edifying of the congregation in that kind of catechising?

38 Whether have you in your parish any week-day Lectors or not: And if you have, by whom is the same performed; whether by one particular man shert licenced, or by sundry neighbours Ministers, and whether are the publike prayers alwayes read before such lecture and sermons, in his surplice and hood, according to his Majesties instructions lately set forth?

39 Whether are there any within your parish (under the degree of Noblemen and men qualified by law, who doe keepe any private Chaplaines or Chaplaine in their houses?

Touching Schoole-masters.

1. Whether have you in your parish any Schoole-masters who teacheth either in publike Schoole, or private house, whether is he reputed to be of sound Faith and Religion, doth he resort duely to Church, and receive the communion, or doth he give any evill example of life is he allowed by the Ordinary under his hand and seale: or doth your Minister or Curate teach, and is he allowed in like manner?

2. Whether doth your Minister or Schoolemaster teach the catechisme by Authority set forth, doth he when there is any Sermons or divine Service, bring his Schollers to Church, and see them quietly and reverently ordered, doth he examine them after their returne, what they have learned of the Sermon?

3. Whether doth he at other times teach them such sentences of holy Scripture, as may induce them to all godlinesse, doth he teach the Grammar set forth by King Henry the eight, continued

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kinne by King Edward the sixt, and Queen Elizabeth.

4 Whether hath your Scholemaster an Usher vnder him, are they both diligent, is your Usher allowed by the Ordinary, doth your Scholemaster direct his Usher for forme and manner of teaching, and doth he wckly take account of him, and the Schollers vnder his charge, how they haue profited, and what they haue learned, and out of what Authors?

5 Whether hath either of them spoken, writ, or taught against any thing whereunto hee formerly subscribed, as the Kings Supremacy, the Articles of Religion, Booke of common prayer, or any thing therein contained?

Touching the Parish-Clarke, or Sexton.

First, whether haue you a parish Clarke appointed by the Minister, sufficient for his place, of the age of twenty yers at the least, is he of honest conversation, can he read, wite and sing, is he diligent in his office, and serviceable to his Minister in the tyme of divine Service and otherwise?

2 Whether doth your Clarke meddle with any thing aboue his office, as churching of women, burying the dead, reading of prayers, or suchlike?

3 Whether doth your Clarke or Sexton keepe your Church cleane, the dores safe locked, is any thing (by his desant) lost or spolted in the Church, doth he suffer any untimely ringing, or any prophane exercise to be committed in your Church?

4 Whether doth your Clark or Sexton, when any is passing out of this life, neglect to tol a bel, having notice thereof: or the party being dead, doth he suffer any more ringing than one short peale, and before his burtall one, and after the same another?

5 Whether doth any in your parish refuse to pay unto the parish Clarke or Sexton such wages as are unto them due, and haue bene accustomably payd?

Touching Parishioners.

First, whether hath any in your parish spoken against, or any way impugned the Kings Maiesties supremacy in cases

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les Ecclesiasticall, the Truth and Doctrine of the Church of England, the forme of Gods worship contained in the booke of common prayer and administration of the Sacraments.

2 Whether there be any person or persons knowne or beherently suspected to haue written, printed, or by any meanes published and dispersed, or otherwise to haue, or to haue had in his or their hse or keping, any Popish booke or libels, or any of these scandalous or schismatical and seditious libels, or other booke, that impeach the booke of common prayer, or the Religion and Ecclesiasticall government, or any other part thereof, established by Law in this Realme, or doth impeach the credit or estate of any Ecclesiasticall person or governour within the same?

3 Whether hath any in your parish spoken against, or impugned the Articles of Religion agreed vpon in Anno Dom. 1562. the rites and ceremonies established in the Church, the government by Arch-bishops, Bishops, Deanes, Arch-deacons, and cthers that beare office in the same?

4 Whether hath any in your parish spoken against, or impugned the forme of making and consecrating Bishops, Priests, or Deacons, or haue any separated themselves from the Society of the congregation, and combined in a new Brotherhod, or de-praned the Hoods of the Church of England held by the Kings Authority?

5 Whether hath any in your parish maintained or defended any such Ministers or Schoolmasters as refuse to subscribe to the order of the Church, haue they affirmed that such Ministers and adherents may make Rules and orders in causes Ecclesiastical, without the Kings Authority?

6 Whether doth any in your Parish prophane, violate, or mis-spend the Lords day, commonly called Sunday; or Workdaries appointed in the Church of England, vsing any offensive conversation, or worldly labour in those dayes, or any of them: or is there any that wilfully refuse, or negligently hath absented himselfe from divine prayers on Sundayes or Holidays, or suffer their Milns to grind vpon Sundayes or Holidays?

7 Whether hath any in your parish, in the time of divine seruice

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uice sitten with his hat on his head: or is there any who hath not reverently kneeled when the generall Confession, Letany, and other prayers are read, and which haue not stood vp at the saying of the Belike?

8 Whether hath any in your parish disturbed the Service or Sermon, by walking, talking, or any other way, or departed out of the Church during the Service or Sermon, without some urgent cause, or loytered about the Church or Church-porch?

9 Whether there be any in your parish, man or woman, being about fiftene yeers of age, that hath not received the holy communion, thrice at the least every yeere, & namely at Easter last, or thereabouts so once: and whether any abandoning his or their Parish Church, haue received the holy communion in any other Parish Church or Chappell, or private place?

10 Whether hath any parent bene admitted to answer as Godfather for his owne child, or hath any Godfather or Godmother made any other answer or speech then is prescribed by the Booke, or haue bene admitted for Godfathers or Godmothers, at Baptisme, who haue not first received the Communion?

11 Whether doe all Fathers, Mothers, Masters, Missresses, some, and cause their children, servants, & apprentices to come duely to the Church, and according to the Ministers direction to be instructed and catechised, or who be they that haue not obeyed the Minister herein?

12 Whether haue any persons married together within the Degrees of Consanguinity or Affinity prohibited, set forth in a Table, appointed to be placed in every Church: or haue any married or contracted themselves under the age of one and twenty yeares, without the consent of their Parents, or Governores if their parents be dead; or any married sooth of their owne parish Church?

13 Whether haue any persons, once lawfully married, forsaken each other, or doe live asunder otherwise than by Law is permitted: or doe any, being divorced or separated, marry againe, the former wife or husband yet living?

14 Whether hath any of your parish vnreverently vsed your minister, or haue any laid violent hands vpon him, or disgras-

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disgraced his office and calling, by word or deed?

15 Whether haue you in your parish any Popish recusant, or
maintainer of Popish doctrine, or suspected to keepe or disperse
schismatycall booke, or to favou any heretic or error?

16 Whether haue you any common resorters to your Church
which are not of your parish, abandoning their owne parish-
Church, or doe any such receive the Communion amongst you:
what be their names, and of what parishes are they?

17 Whether hath any in the time of divine Service upon any
Sunday or Holiday opened their shoppes, exercised their trade,
or vsed any gaming, beane in any Tauerne or Alehouse, or o-
therwise ill employed?

18 Whether are there in your parish any adulterers, fornicato-
rs, incestuous persons, bawds, receiuers of defamed persons,
close fauorers, conveyers away of such, or which suffer to de-
part any incontinent person unpunished, or are there in your
parish any blasphemers, commonswearers, drunkards, rhybawds
baturers, malicious slanderers, scolds, or soulers of discord, or an-
y defamed or vehemently suspected of any of these crimes?

19 Whether doe any in your parish administer the gods of
the dead, without Authority, or suppose their wil or testament:
haue any Executors neglected to perfarme their wills, especially
in paying of Legacies given to the Church, to the poore, or to
any other charitable or godly uses?

20 Whether doe any refuse to pay to the reparations, oyma-
gments, and other things by Law required to be in your Church
as they are ceased by Law: or are any dwelling out of your pa-
rish, which hold land in your parish, that refuse the like payment
or ceasement?

21 Whether haue any not being of your parish bin christened,
churched, buried, or received the communion, or haue married
out of your Church, both parties dwelling in your parish?

22 Whether haue all women in your parish delivered of child
come at convenient time after to Church, to give shankes, and
haue they haue churched according to the forme of the booke of
common Prayer?

23 Whether hath the perambulation of the circuit of your pa-
rish bin obserued once every yere, if not, by whose default is it?

24 Whether

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24 Whether hath any in your parish given the Church-wardens or Side-men, or any of them evil words for doing their duty according to their oath and conscience, in making presentment for their default?

25 Whether there be any man or woman in your parish, that believeth witch-craft, sorcery, charmes, or unlawful prayer or invocations in Latine or English, or otherwise upon any Christian body or beast, or any that resorteth to the same for counsell, or helpe, and what be their names?

26 Whether there be any, that pretending themselves to be physicians or Chirurgions, do take upon them to practise physick or Chirurgery, not being lawfully licenced therunto, or which refuse to shew their said licence to the Minister or Curate and Church-wardens of your Church or Chappell, when they shall be hereunto required?

Touching Church-wardens and Sworne-men.

First, whether doth any in your Parish take upon them to be Church-warden or Side-man, which is not lawfully chosen by the Minister and Parishioners, according to the Canon, or doth any continue in the office longer than one year, except they be chosen againe, or that it be a custome of the Parish for a Church-warden to continue for two years, and all such officers chosen yearly in Easter weekes?

2 Whether do your Church-wardens, within one moneth at the most after their yere ended, before the Minister and Parishioners, give vp a full account of such mony, and other things as they haue receaved and bestowed: haue they delivered all remaining in their hands belonging to the Church or Parish, by Will indented to be delivered to the next Church-wardens?

3 Whether haue the Church-wardens with the advice of the Minister, from time to time provided a sufficient quantity of fine white bread, and wholesome wine for the number of Communicants?

4 Whether do the Church-wardens & Sworne-men before every Visitation, and at other times when there is just occasion meet and confer about their presentments, and the answering of

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ther Articles, and who have (after notice given him of the time and place) carelessly absented himselfe?

5 Whether the forfeiture of twelue pence, for absence from Church, appointed by Statute, to the use of the poore, be taken and levied by the Church-wardens, and employed according to the said Statute: and whether the said forfeiture taken of all persons which stand wilfully suspended or excommunicated?

6 Whether haue any Church-wardens lost, sold, or detained any Goods, Ornaments, Wels, Rents, or Implements of the Church?

7 Whether do you the Church-wardens and Sidemen, about the midde of divine Service, usually walke out of the Church and see who are ab;oad in any Ale-house, or elsewhere absent, or unily employed, and haue you presented al such offenders to the Ordinary?

8 Whether do you know, or haue heard a fame of any offence committed, or duty omitted by any of your Parish before your time, & heretofore not presented by the former Churchwardens to the Ordinary, or as yet not reformed, and haue you presented the same?

9 Whether there be any within your Parish or Chappelry, that are excommunicated, and how long they haue so remained; and for what cause they are so excommunicated, or who do ha-
bor and maintaine them, and what be their names?

10 Whether there be any Wictuallers, or Ale-wives, or other persons within your parish or Chappelry, that suffer any resort of people in their houses or backesides, either to eat, drinke, or play at Cards, Tables, Dice or Bowles in the time of divine Services or Sermon: and if there be any such, then present their names and surnames, and also the names and surnames of such as use resort thither?

11 Whether there be any woman within your Parish or Chappelry, that is now with child, begotten in fornication, adultry, or incest, and hath not named the father thereof, or the father thereof is not knowne, then by the vertue of your oath whom you haue heard named or suspected to bee the father thereof?

12 Whether there be any married persons within your parish

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in Chappelry who haue committed fornication togesher before
the y were married o^r no?

13 Whether there be within your parish or Chappelry, any
Bawds, o^r receivers of naughty company o^r suspected persons
into their houses, o^r doe harb^oz, o^r haue harbored any woman
begotten with chil^d forth of Matrimony, and haue suffered hem
to depart bnpunished, yea o^r no: and if there be any such, shew
present their names and surnames, and at whose request and
charges they were put there?

14 Whether there be any persons now within your parish or
Chappelry, which before tyme being offenders, haue departed
and fled out of your Parish or Chappelry to avoid punishment,
o^r haue fled out of other places into your Parish: and what bee
their names and faults, and where doe they now remaine?

15 Whether shere hath beene any excommunicated persons
buried in the Church, o^r Church- yard, o^r Chappel or Chappel
yard, yes o^r no? and who the same were, and who buried the
same excommunicated person?

16 Whether any that haue bin Church-wardens within your
parish or Chappelry heretofore within 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, o^r 6 yeres
last past, hath vpon ignorance, for favor, fears, o^r other consid-
eration whatsoever, concealed o^r winke^d at the offender o^r
offenders of any crme o^r fault punishable by the Ecclesiastical
Judge, and especially at the last Visitation yea o^r no: and who
were those offenders, and what was the quality of their faults,
and who concealed and omitted to present the same?

17 Whether there be any person o^r persons within your pa-
rish or Chappelry to whose house o^r company any Jesuits, Se-
minaries, Popish Priests, o^r other Priests o^r recusants haue
resorted o^r doe resort o^r no: and what be their names and surnames,
& who is it that hath th^othir resorted, o^r any that made
resort and abroad shere by the space of a month, whch do absent
themselues from the Church?

18 Whether there be any within your parish or Chappelry
which was enoyned any punishment for any fault aforesight-
ened by them committed, that haue not duly performed the
same, o^r by any that haue returned false certificate of any pu-
nishment enoyned, either in part o^r whole, who was the

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same, and what was the offence?

19 Whether there be any within your parish of Chappel that use to ring the Bells superstitiously upon any abrogated Holiday or the even thereof; and whether at the death of any there be any superstitions ringing, superstitious burning of candles over the corps in the day after it be light: or praying for the dead at Crosses, or places where Crosses have been in the way to the Church, or any other superstitions use of crosses with Towels, Palmes, Medwands, or other memorie of Idolaters, or Burials or no?

20 Whether is your Church, Chappel, and Chancel well and sufficiently repaired, the walls decent and whitewashed, and also boorded or paned under foot; the altars and choir even paned, the Communion-Table rightly placed, and encompassed with a decent rail, and all other things provided & done according to the instructions and order lately given by this Court: and if not, expresse the defects, and in whose default?

21 Whether hath your Parson or Vicar at the time appointed publickly read in your Church, in the fulnesse of the congregation, the Works expressing his Majesties declaration to his Subjects concerning lawfull sports to be used: and if not, present the same.

22 Whether doe you know of any other matter or cause which is a breach of the Lawes Ecclesiastical herein not expressed, and have you presented the same?

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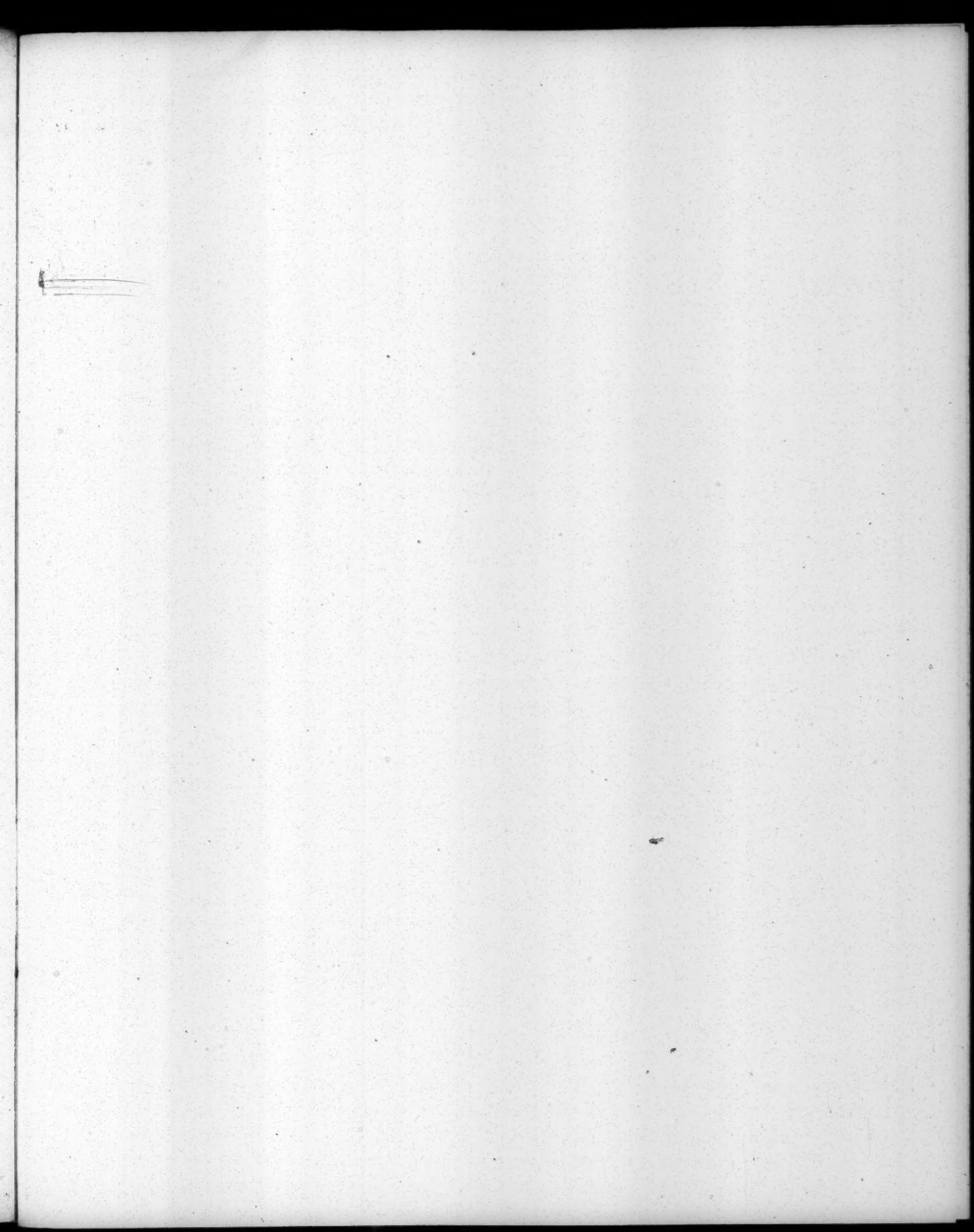
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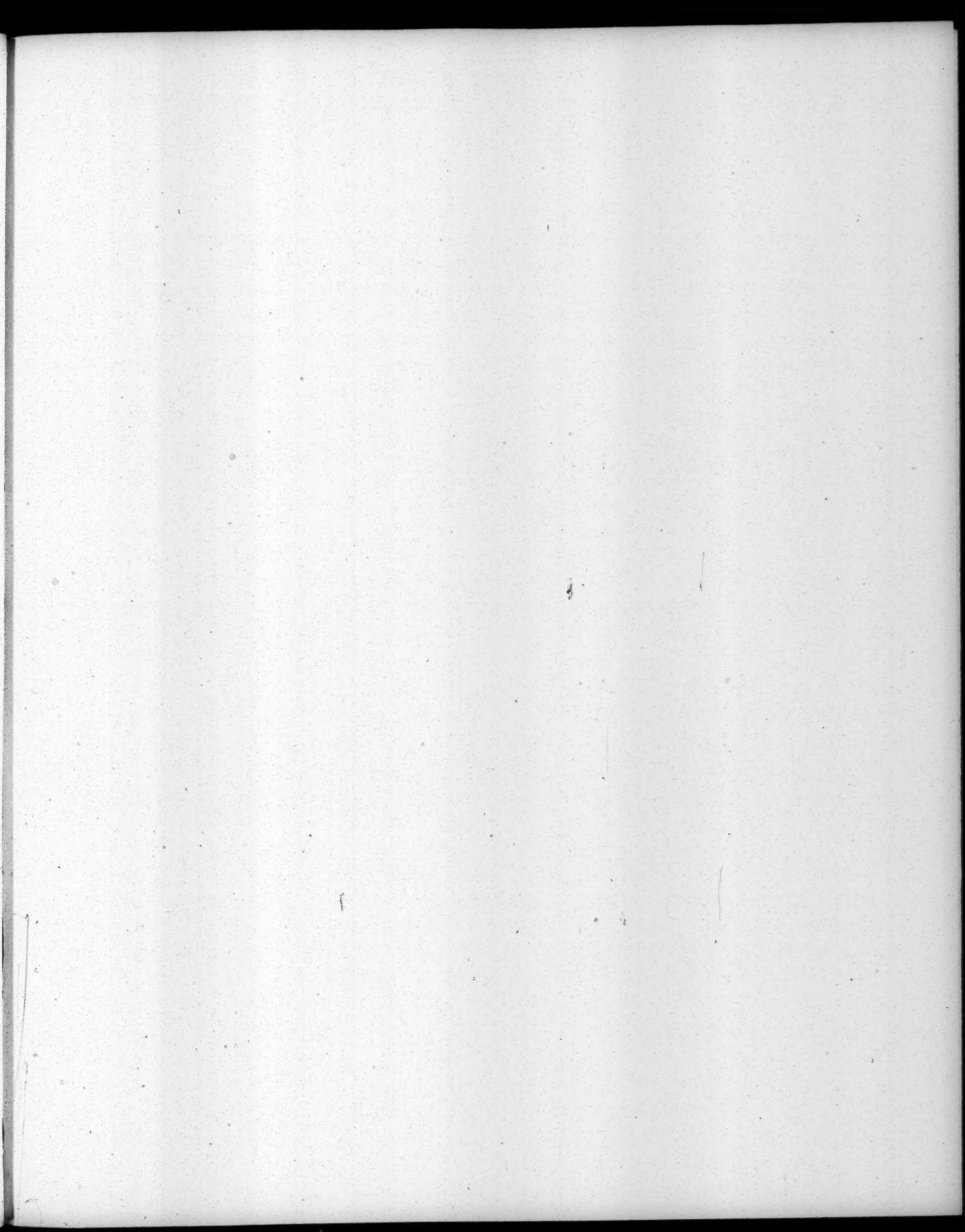
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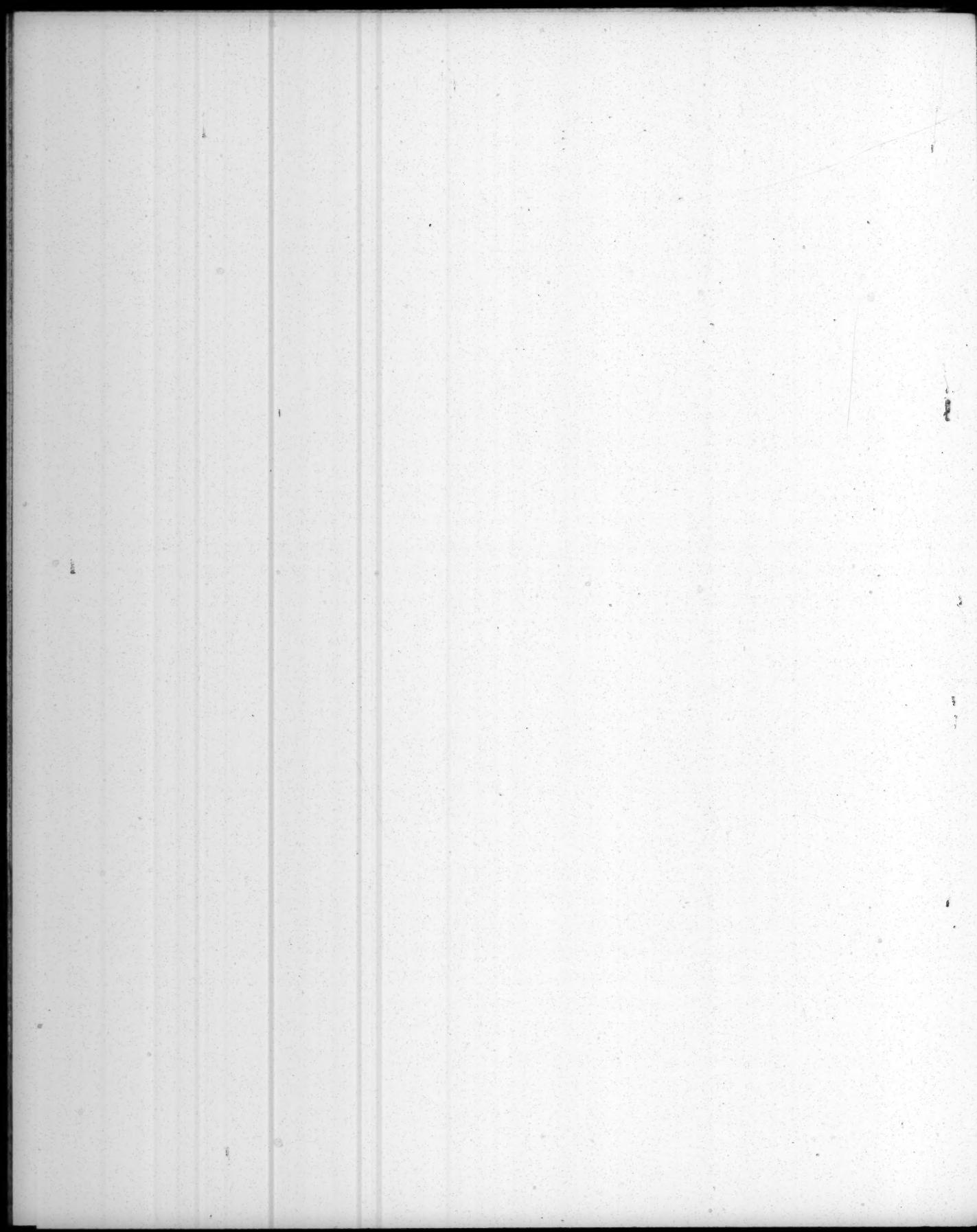
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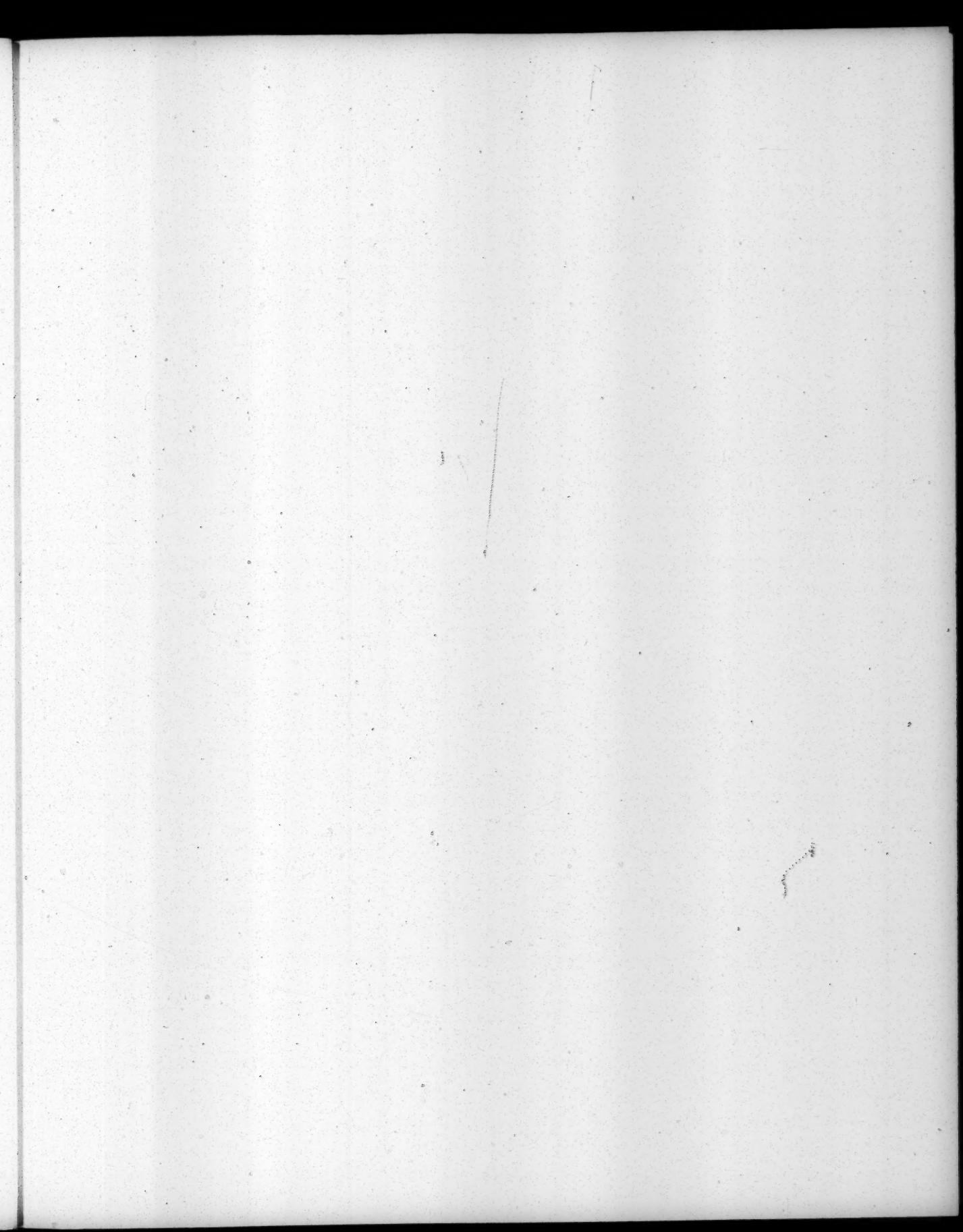
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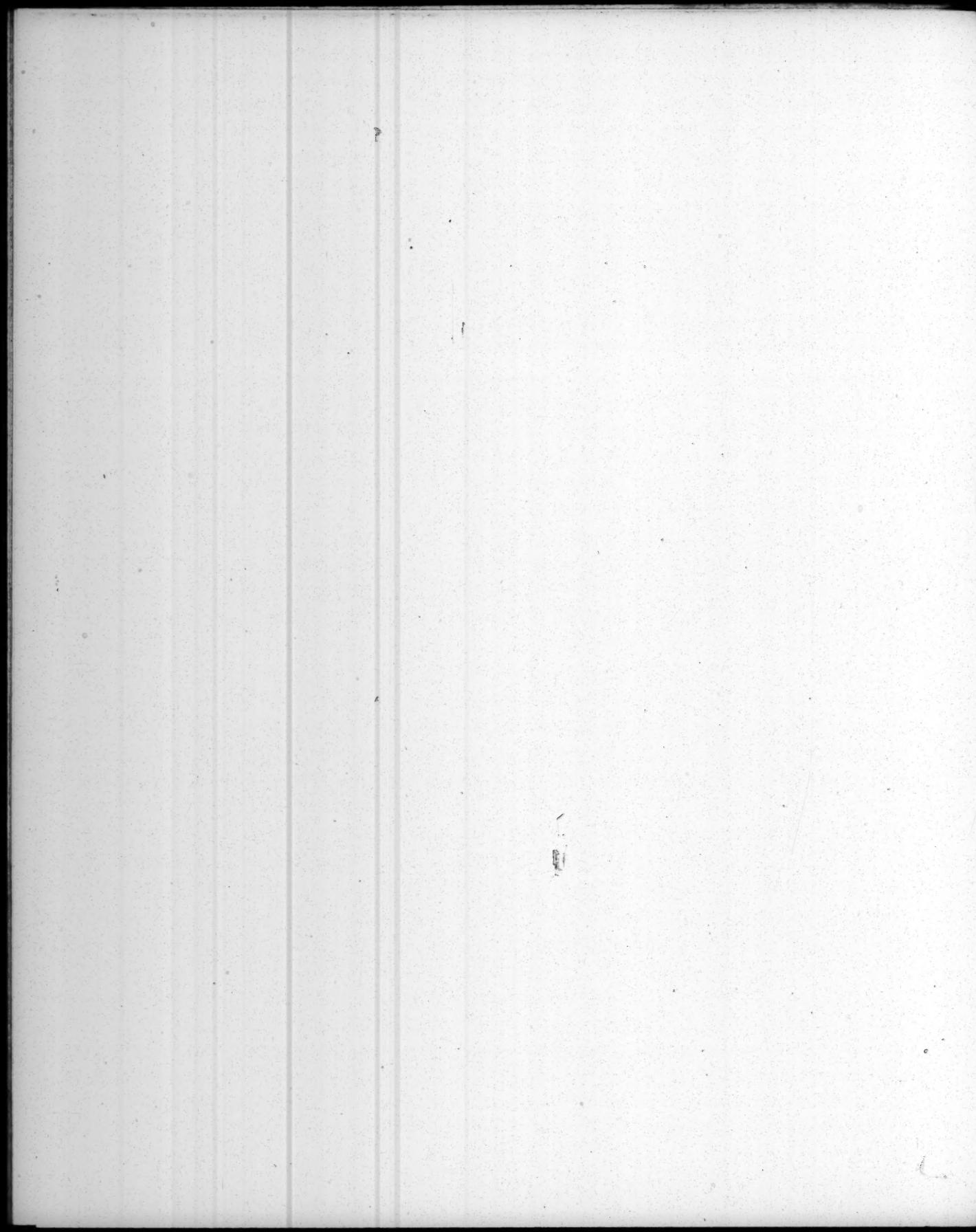


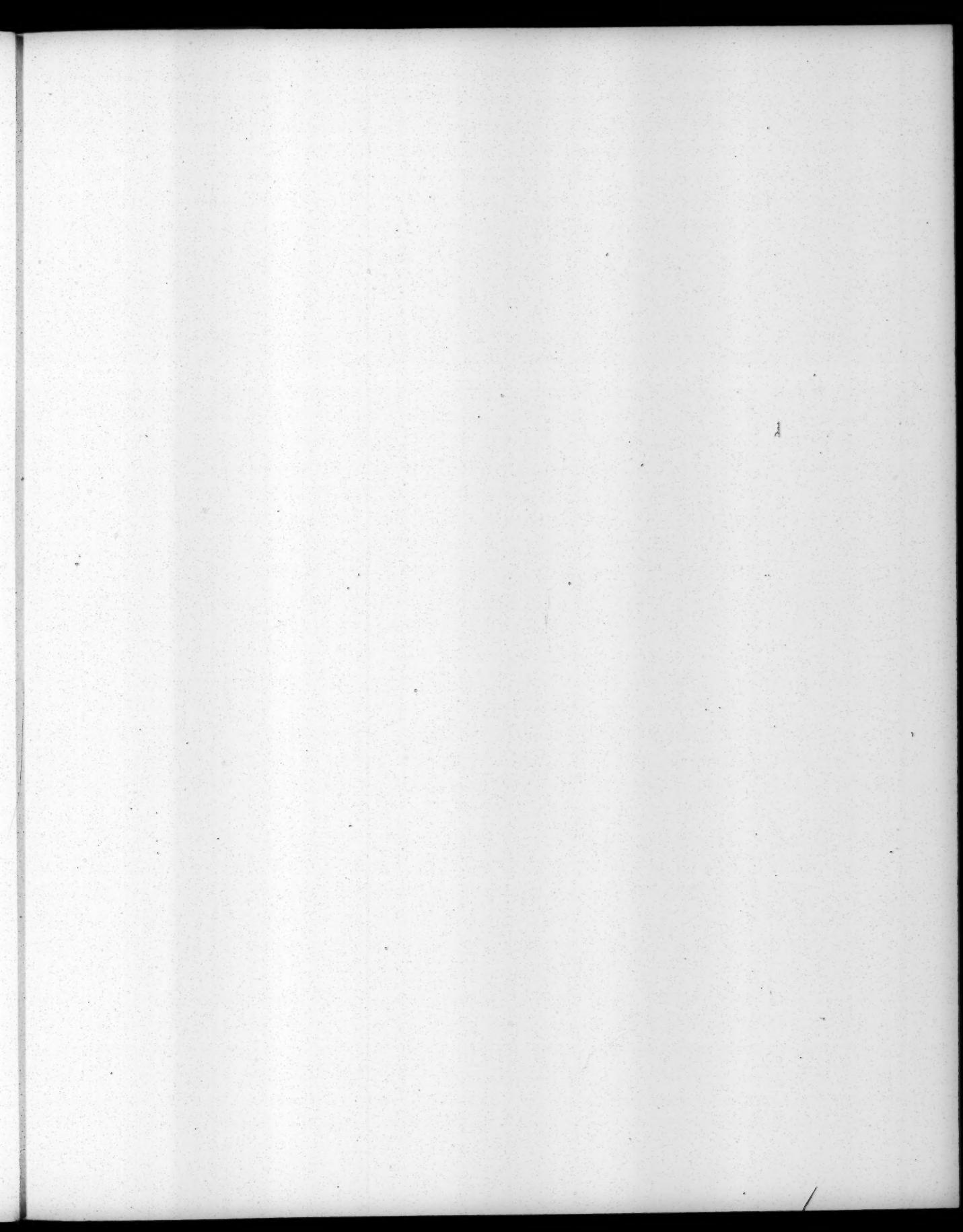


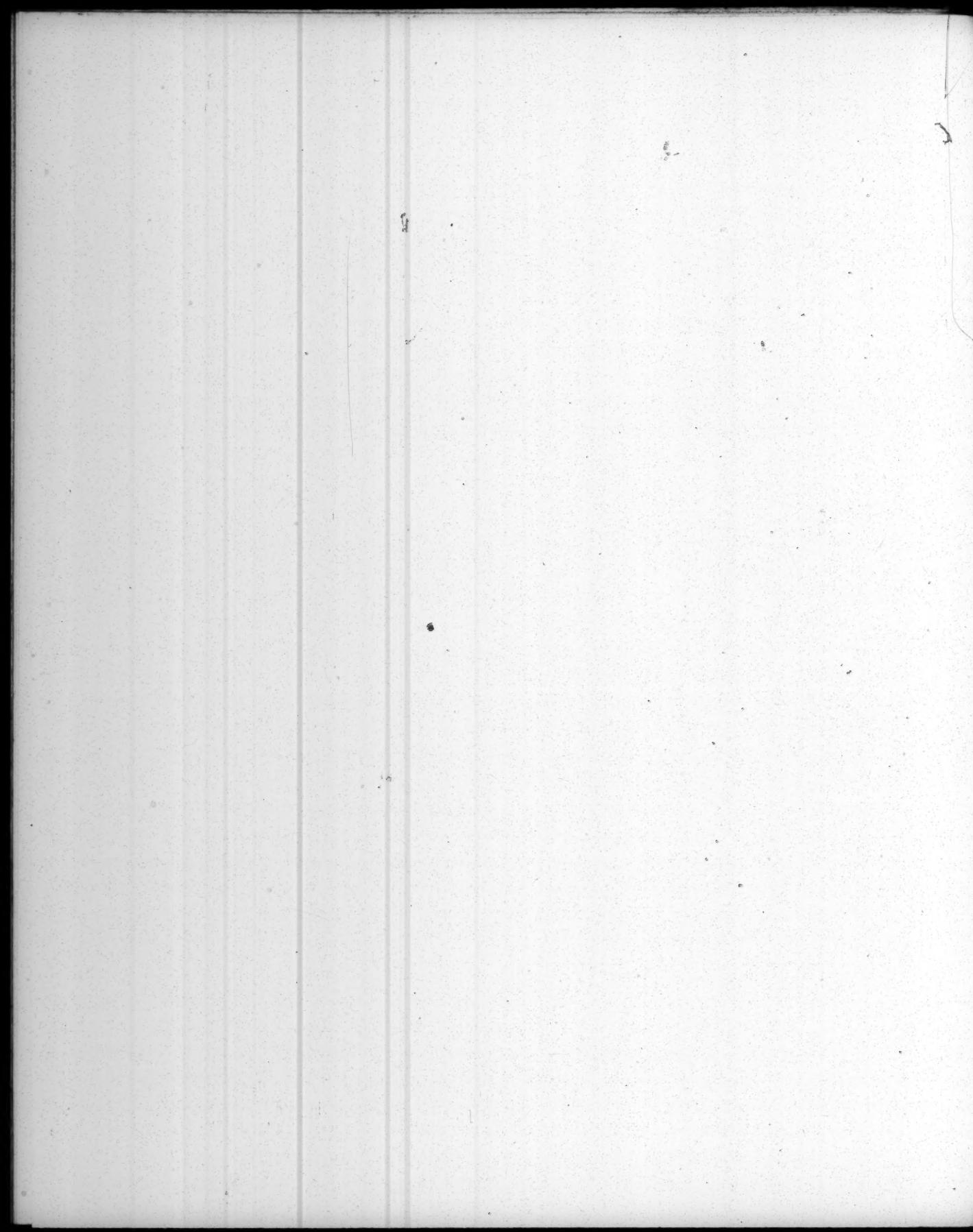


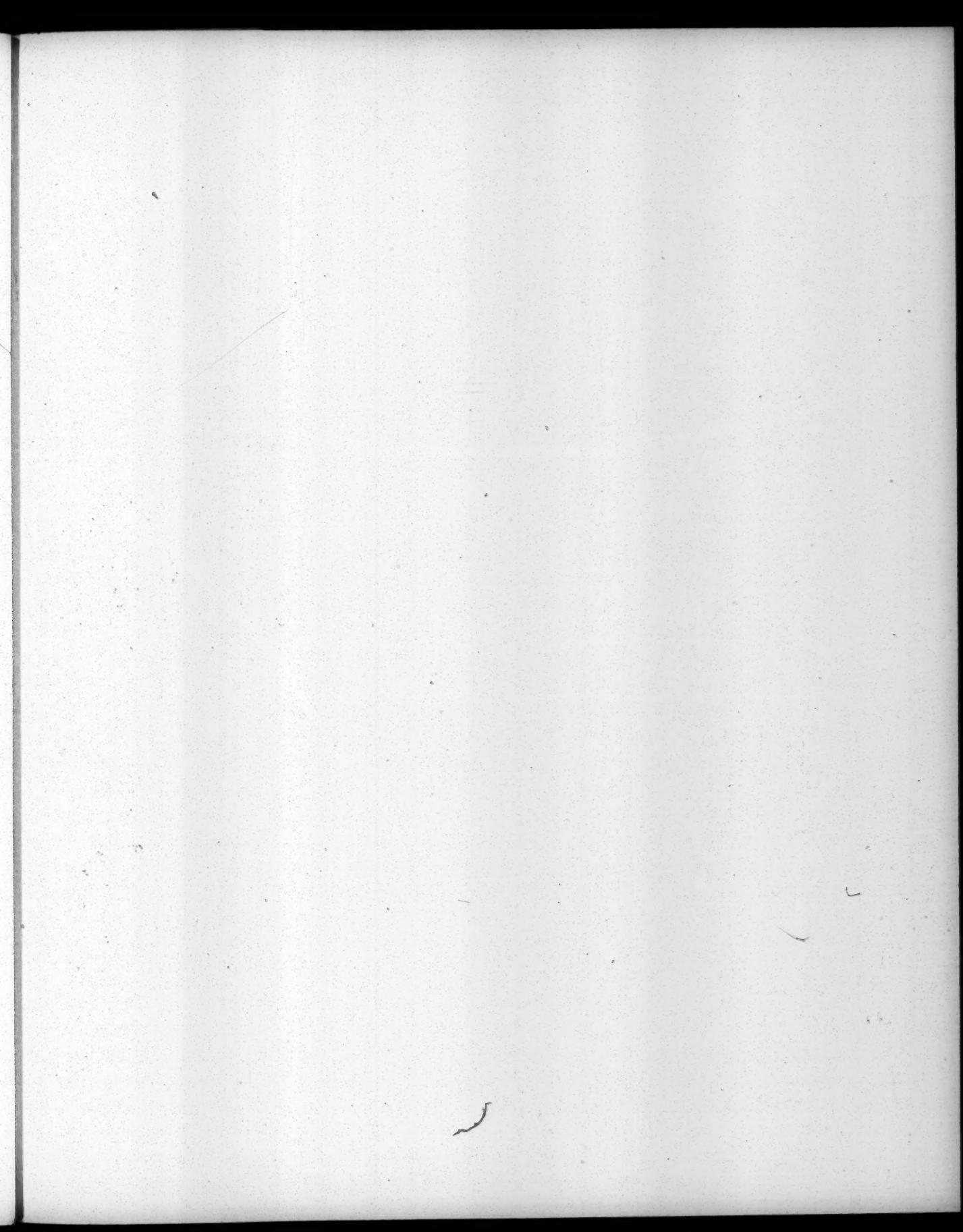


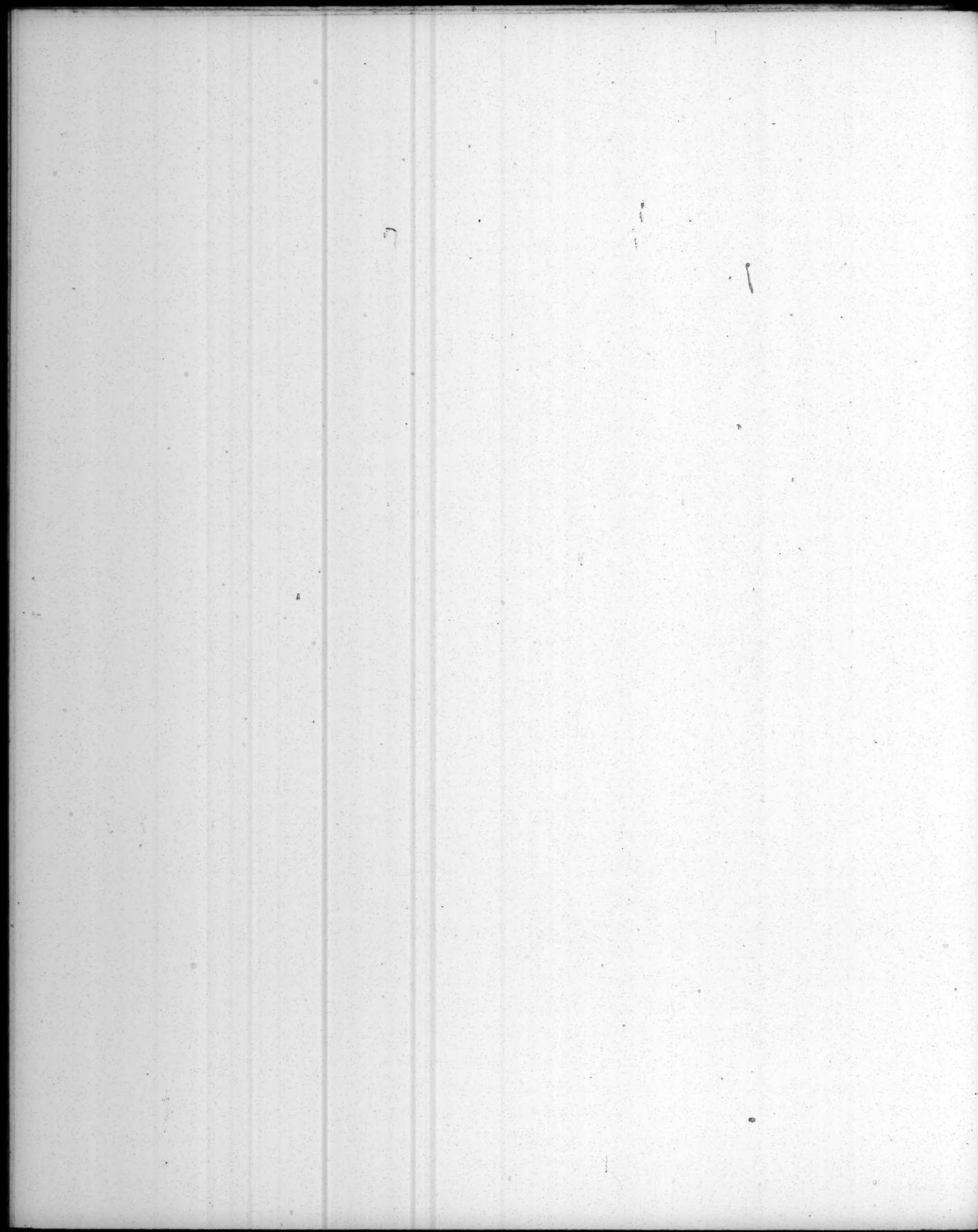












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